



*Order of service for the marriage of*

OLIVER DAVIES &  
NICKY KING

*Service held on*

SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST | 2024  
*at 12.30 pm*

*Church of St Mary the Virgin*  
EASTRY | KENT

## THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

*Canon in D, Pachelbel*

## THE WELCOME

*The Revd Andrew Brown*

## PREFACE

### HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## THE DECLARATIONS

## READING

*Like a River Finds the Sea* by Whitney Hanson, read by Emily Bown

They say that sometimes  
love starts with a spark.  
And that might be true,  
but if I were to wish you a love,  
I wouldn't wish fire for you.

You see, fire is powerful.  
It burns bright and then it's gone.  
It's beautiful and warm,  
but it doesn't last long.

So instead of wishing you  
a love that burns,  
I wish you a love like  
a river twists and turns.

It changes and it flows,  
It is powerful and free.  
But it consistently finds its way  
back to the sea

And so like the water,  
I hope your love is ever growing,  
ever changing.  
I hope your love is powerful and free,  
And may you always find each other,

Like a river finds the sea.

## THE COLLECT

### BIBLE READING

*Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, verses 10-13, from the Living Bible*  
read by Jenny King

My beloved said to me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers are springing up  
and the time of the singing of birds has come.  
Yes, spring is here. The leaves are coming out,  
and the grapevines are in blossom.

How delicious they smell!  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

## READING

*A Poem About Love by Bianca Barrett, read by Sally Stenning*

We have often been told  
through movies and songs  
That love is a many splendored thing  
And will lift us up where we belong

Though I won't deny Romeo the right  
to make Juliet his wife  
I think love is less about Shakespeare  
and much more about real life

It's the hand squeeze under the table  
when the nerves take hold  
It's knowing what the other is thinking  
without having to be told

When life's worries stand over you  
in the middle of the night  
It's a gentle voice finding its way  
through the dark  
that whispers 'It'll be alright'

If you can still find laughter  
in the darkest of places  
And love the wrinkles mapped out  
on your ever-changing faces

If you can see past their flaws  
to their evergreen heart  
And accept that love is greater  
than the sum of its parts

If you can master the one thing  
prescribed by the wise  
The saviour we like to call  
'compromise'

I promise you won't need  
a Shakespearean sonnet  
Or a song sung by Danny Zuko  
from his gleaming car bonnet

You'll have something far better  
truly sent from above  
Not a star-crossed romance  
but a tale of real love

So let me say at your wedding  
from the bottom of my heart  
From what I have seen  
you're off to a great start

May your blessings be many  
and your troubles be few  
I can't think of a better pair suited  
than you.

HOMILY

*The Revd Andrew Brown*

HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear  
in him no sin is found  
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight  
our radiant king of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace -  
no work too hard for him.

In faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

THE PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear: o clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariots of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight;  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

PRAYERS

THE DISMISSAL

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

*Music performed by Jacob Ewens*

*Ave Maria, song by Franz Schubert*

*The Call, song by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

RECEPTION:

Ripple Court Estate

Ripple

Deal, Kent

CT14 8HX

*Please use the entrance marked Guest Parking*

BRIDESMAIDS

*Alex Harvey*  
*Daisy Startup*  
*Gaby Heaney*  
*Grace Davies*  
*Jess Massingham*  
*Kirsty Fearon*

GROOMSMEN

*James King*  
*James Purcell*  
*Lawrence Farrell*  
*Liam Sheridan*

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

*Jenny King*  
*Rob King*

PARENTS OF THE GROOM

*Helen Davies*  
*Howard Davies*

*Oliver & Nicky*

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